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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit

The following applicants have applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*):

PRT-020848

Applicant: Frank H. Cooley, Jasper, TX 75951.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

The public is invited to comment on the following application for a permit to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The application was submitted to satisfy requirements of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing marine mammals (50 CFR 18).

PRT-021018

Applicant: Thomas J. Hammond, Bloomfield Hills, MI.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted from the Western Hudson Bay polar bear population, Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

PRT-014704

Applicant: Toledo Zoological Gardens, Toledo, OH.

Permit Type: Import permit.

Name and Number of Animals: Polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) 0.1.

Summary of Activity To Be Authorized: The applicant requests an amendment to their

permit number MA014704-0 issued 09/10/1999 for the import of a captive born female polar bear from Germany. The applicant wishes to substitute a female captive born polar bear from Monde Sauvage Safari Park, Aywaille, Belgium, for this permit.

Source of Marine Mammals: Born in captivity on 11/10/1998, Aywaille, Belgium.

Period of Activity: Up to 5 years, if issued.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the Office of Management Authority is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and the Committee of Scientific Advisors for their review.

Written data or comments, requests for copies of the complete application, or requests for a public hearing on this application should be sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, VA 22203, telephone 703/358-2104 or fax 703/358-2281 and must be received within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. Anyone requesting a hearing should give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

Dated: December 27, 1999.

Kristen Nelson,

Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Application Notice Describing the Areas of Interest and Establishing the Closing Date for Receipt of Applications Under the Biological Resource Division Brucellosis Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2000

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, U.S. Geological Survey.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Applications are invited for a research project on the improvements in ballistic delivery systems for brucellosis vaccination of free-ranging elk and bison of the Greater Yellowstone Area.

The purpose of this project is to develop methods of ballistic delivery that improve the distance, reliability, ease, and/or rapidity of Brucella vaccine parenteral delivery. Such methods will need to take into account vaccine composition and the targeted age and sex of bison and/or elk.

Applications may be submitted by educational institutions, private firms, private foundations, individuals, and agencies of state and local governments.

ADDRESSES: The project announcement is expected to be available on or about January 11, 2000. You may obtain a copy of Announcement No. 00CRPA0001 from the USGS contracts and Grants Information Site at <http://www.usgs.gov/contracts/nehrrp/> or by writing Grace Oakeley, U.S. Geological Survey, Branch of Acquisition and Federal Assistance, P.O. Box 25046, MS 204B, Denver, Colorado 80225, or by fax (303-236-1710).

DATES: The closing date for receipt of applications will be on or about February 12, 2000. The actual closing date will be specified in Announcement No. 00CRPA0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas Roffe, Associate Regional Chief Biologist, U.S. Geological Survey, BRD, FWP Bldg., Montana State University, 1400 S. 19th St., Bozeman, Montana 59717.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Authority for this program is contained in the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742(a)-742d, 742e-742j-2) and the Fish and Wildlife Improvement Act of 1978, Public Law 95-616 (16 U.S.C. 753a). The Office of Management and Budget Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 15.808.

Carol Aten,

Acting Chief Biologist.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Information Collection Submission to OMB for Reinstatement Under Paperwork Reduction Act

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, as amended (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that an information collection request was submitted to the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs for review and extension under 5 CFR 1320.10. The first notice requesting comments about OMB Control Number 1076-0135, "Public Law 102-477 Reporting," was published in the **Federal Register** on October 1, 1999 (64 FR 53403-53404).